

Hamilton Field,  
Lawn Maintenance Equipment Shed  
(Facility No. 887)  
East of Nave Drive at northwest corner of base  
Novato  
Marin County  
California

HABS No. CA-2398-AW

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Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
San Francisco, California

**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY**

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**Location:** Hamilton Army Air Field  
Novato, Marin County, California  
Lawn Maintenance Equipment Shed  
Facility No. 887 (East of Nave Drive at northwest corner of base boundary)

U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)  
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)  
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;  
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

**Significance:**

Building 887 is the only structure made of logs on base and is unique. See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

**Description:**

The structure is constructed of saddle-notched logs (scavenged from pile construction) and has a concrete foundation. It is one story high with a low-pitched composition end gable roof with exposed rafters and a cross gable Craftsman style portico on the central front. The central board entry door, with wrought metal hinges, is flanked by four-light wood sash double hung windows. The building has a modern shed roof addition with Channel Rustic siding on the rear wall and a board and batten bathroom addition to the west side. These additions are superficial and do not detract from the rustic appearance of the shed.

**Historical Context:**

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

This rustic-style log cabin equipment shed was constructed in 1933 by Staff Sergeant G. S. Kreitz from a few log pilings salvaged from the main base construction. It was originally located on the northwest corner of San Pablo and Escolta avenues, and was used by Sergeant Kreitz as a tool shed for lawn maintenance equipment. It was moved to its present site in 1959 for use as a golf equipment shed on the newly installed base driving range.

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**Sources:**

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See the project Field Record, roll 59, exposures 1-4; roll 87, exposures 1-6.

The line drawn sketches were drafted on site in 1994 by Keith Syda, scanned into a computer and drawn by Christopher MacDonald in 1995, and corrected and finalized by Claire Warshaw in 1996 (all PAR Environmental Services, Inc. staff).

**Project Information:**

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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